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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to advisory filed on 7/23/2010.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3,5-15,18-24,27-39,41,43-53,56-64,67-74,76,78,79 and 81-84.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection. However, since an Examiner's amendment has been included below overcoming the prior art searched and applied, the rejection of the claims has been withdrawn and the claims allowed.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Gary Newson on 7/27/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for making images on multiple groups of documents by a user, comprising:

a multi-function device configured to substantially concurrently:

generate electronic images of the multiple groups of documents; and

print copies of the multiple groups of documents;

a control system connected to the multi-function device, wherein the control system is configured to store the electronic images and a set of binding information for the multiple groups of documents as a digital representation of the multiple groups of documents in a long-term memory concurrently with the generation of the electronic images wherein the set of binding information includes:

- a sequence location of a binding element for each group of documents; and
- a type of the binding element associated with each group of documents; and
- an interface linked to the multi-function device and the control system, wherein the interface is configured to allow the user during the generation of the electronic images for the multiple groups of documents to sequentially:

- enter a beginning sequence location and type of binding element for the binding element of a first_group of documents prior to the generation of the electronic images for the first group of documents, wherein the type of binding element is selected along with a presented selection of document scanning options that correspond to a desired binding element, wherein the document scanning options comprise:

- a scan stapled document option to correlate a scanned document with a staple as the binding element; and

- a scan loose document option to correlate a scanned document with a second type of binding element;

- enter an ending sequence location for the binding element of the first group of documents after the electronic images for the first group of documents have been generated;

enter a beginning sequence location and type of binding element for the binding element of a second group of documents prior to the generation of the electronic images for the second group of documents, wherein the type of binding element is selected from the presented selection of a document scanning options; and

enter an ending sequence location for the binding element of the second group of documents after the electronic images for the second group of documents have been generated.

Claims 2-11 remain the same as filed 7/23/2010.

12. (Currently Amended) A method of making images of a collection of documents, comprising:

generating electronic images of the collection of documents;
entering organizational data and binding information for the collection of documents while the electronic images are being generated, comprising:

indicating a start to the collection of documents;

entering a beginning sequence location and type of binding element for a first binding element prior to the generation of a first group of one or more electronic images from within the collection of documents, wherein the type of binding element is selected along with a presented selection of document scanning options that correspond to a desired binding element, wherein the document scanning options comprise:

a scan stapled document option to correlate a scanned document with a staple as the binding element; and

a scan loose document option to correlate a scanned document with a second type of binding element; and

entering an ending sequence location for the first binding element after the generation of the first group of one or more electronic images;

entering a beginning sequence location and type of binding element for a second binding element prior to the generation of a second group of one or more electronic images from within the collection of documents, wherein the type of binding element is selected from the presented selection of a document scanning options;

entering an ending sequence location for the second binding element after the generation of the second group of one or more electronic images; and

indicating an end to the collection of documents;

wherein the organizational data relates the binding information for each group of one or more electronic images to a sequence location within the collection of documents;

storing the binding information pertaining to the collection of documents in a long-term memory concurrently with the generation of the electronic images of the documents;

storing the organizational data to the long term memory concurrently with the generation of the electronic images of the documents;

storing the electronic images in the long-tem memory; and

making a physical copy of the documents substantially concurrently with the generation of the electronic images of the documents.

Claim 13-23 remain the same as filed on 7/23/2010.

24. (Currently Amended) An imaging system, comprising:

a scanner configured to generate a collection of electronic images for a set of documents having multiple groups of one or more documents within the set of documents;

a control system connected to the scanner and configured to substantially concurrently store the collection of electronic images, binding information for the set of documents, and organizational data pertaining to the set of documents in a long-term memory, wherein the organizational data comprises relating the binding information for each group of documents within the set of documents to a sequence location within the set of documents; and

an interface linked to the scanner and the control system, wherein the interface is configured to allow the user during the generation of the collection of electronic images for the set of documents to sequentially:

indicate a start to the set of documents;
enter a beginning sequence location and type of binding element for a first binding element prior to the generation of the electronic images for a first group of one or more documents within the set of documents, wherein the type of binding element is selected

along with a presented selection of document scanning options that correspond to a desired binding element, wherein the document scanning options comprise:

a scan stapled document option to correlate a scanned document with a staple as the binding element; and

a scan loose document option to correlate a scanned document with a second type of binding element;

enter an ending sequence location for the first binding element after the generation of the electronic images for the first group of one or more documents;

enter a beginning sequence location and type of binding element for a second binding element prior to the generation of the electronic images for a second group of one or more documents within the set of documents, wherein the type of binding element is selected from the presented selection of a document scanning options;

enter an ending sequence location for the second binding element after the generation of the electronic images for the second group of one or more documents;
and

indicate an end to the set of documents.

Claims 26-38 remain the same as filed on 7/23/2010.

39. (Currently Amended) An imaging system for making images of multiple groups of documents by a user, comprising:

a multi-function device configured to generate the images and substantially concurrently generate physical copies of the images;

an interface linked to the multi-function device and configured to receive organizational information from the user regarding an organization of the multiple groups of documents,

wherein the organizational information comprises:

binding information;

range in information; and

image description information; and

a control system connected to the multi-function device and the interface, wherein during file generation of the images the control system is configured to:

receive the organizational information from the interface, wherein:

a beginning sequence location and type of binding element for a first binding element is received from the interface prior to the generation of a first group of electronic images, wherein the type of binding element is selected along with a presented selection of document scanning options that correspond to a desired binding element, wherein the document scanning options comprise:

a scan stapled document option to correlate a scanned document with a staple as the binding element; and

a scan loose document option to correlate a scanned document with a second type of binding element; and

an ending sequence location for the first binding element is received from the interface after the generation of the first group of electronic images;

a beginning sequence location and type of binding element for a second binding element is received from the interface prior to the generation of a second group of electronic images and prior to the completion of the generation of the first group of electronic images, wherein the type of binding element is selected from the presented selection of a document scanning options; and

an ending sequence location for the second binding element is received from the interface after the generation of the second group of electronic images and prior to the completion of the generation of the first group of electronic images;

generate organizational data based on the organizational information;

associate the organizational data with the images concurrently with the generation of the images; and

store the organizational data and the images in a long-term memory.

Claims 40-50 remain the same as filed in response on 7/23/2010.

51. (Currently Amended) A computer system configured to:

control a scanner to generate image data corresponding to a set of images;

control a printing device to make a physical copy of the images substantially concurrently with generating the image data;

receive organizational information relating to the set of images during generation of the image data, wherein the organizational information comprises:

binding information comprising:

a beginning sequence location and type of binding element for the a first binding element received prior to the generation of the image data corresponding to a first group of one or more documents within the set of images, wherein the type of binding element is selected along with a presented selection of document scanning options that correspond to a desired binding element, wherein the document scanning options comprise:

a scan stapled document option to correlate a scanned document with a staple as the binding element; and

a scan loose document option to correlate a scanned document with a second type of binding element; and

an ending sequence location for the first binding element received after the generation of the image data corresponding to the first group of one or more documents;

a beginning sequence location and type of binding element for a second binding element received prior to the generation of the image data corresponding to a second group of one or more documents within the set of images, wherein the type of binding element is selected from the presented selection of a document scanning options; and

an ending sequence location for the second binding element received after the generation of the image data corresponding to the second group of one or more documents;

range information; and

image description information;

generate organizational data associated with the set of images according to the organizational information substantially concurrently with the generation of the image data; and

store the organizational data in a long-term memory with the image data corresponding to the set of images.

Claims 52-62 remain the same as filed in response on 7/23/2010.

63. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer readable medium storing instructions to be executed on a computer having a long-term memory, wherein the instructions are configured to cause the computer to:

- control a multi-function device to generate image data corresponding to a set of images;

- control a multi-function device to make a physical copy of the set of images substantially concurrently with generating the image data;

- receive organizational information relating to the set of images during generation of the image data, wherein the organizational information comprises:
binding information comprising:

- a beginning sequence location and type of binding element for the a first binding element received prior to the generation of the image data corresponding to a first group of one or more documents within the set of images, wherein the type of binding element is selected along with a presented selection of document scanning options that correspond to a desired binding element, wherein the document scanning options comprise:

- a scan stapled document option to correlate a scanned document with a staple as the binding element; and

a scan loose document option to correlate a scanned document with a second type of binding element; and

an ending sequence location for the first binding element received after the generation of the image data corresponding to the first group of one or more documents;

a beginning sequence location and type of binding element for a second binding element received prior to the generation of the image data corresponding to a second group of one or more documents within the set of images, wherein the type of binding element is selected from the presented selection of a document scanning options; and

an ending sequence location for the second binding element received after the generation of the image data corresponding to the second group of one or more documents;

range information; and

description information;

generate organizational data associated with the set of images according to the organizational information concurrently with the generation of the image data; and

store the image data and organizational information in the long-term memory.

64. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer readable medium according to claim 63, wherein the set of images correspond to documents.

65. (Canceled)

66. (Canceled)

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67. (Previously presented) A non-transitory computer readable medium according to claim 63, wherein the organizational data includes at least one flag associated with an individual image.

68. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer readable medium according to claim 67, wherein the flag indicates at least one of a position of the associated individual image in a document, a position of the associated individual image with respect to a binding element, an identity of a binding element, and whether the associated individual image corresponds to a duplex side of a document.

69. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer readable medium according to claim 63, wherein the program is further configured to cause the computer to receive commands and organizational information relating to the images via an interface.

70. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer readable medium according to claim 69, wherein the organizational information includes information relating to at least one of a position of an associated individual image in a document, a position of an associated individual image with respect to a binding element, and whether an associated individual image corresponds to a duplex side of a document.

71. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer readable medium according to claim 63, wherein the program is further configured to cause the computer to selectively

display the images and the organizational data.

72. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer readable medium according to claim 63, wherein the program is further configured to cause the computer to export the images, the organizational data, and a resource for viewing the images to a storage medium.

73. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer readable medium according to claim 63, wherein the program is further configured to cause the computer to export the images to a second system, wherein the second system is configured to facilitate processing of the images.

74. (Currently Amended) A method for making images of a plurality of documents by a user, comprising:

generating image data corresponding to the plurality of documents;

storing the image data in a long-term memory;

generating organizational data relating to the documents concurrently with the

generation of the image data, wherein the organizational data comprises:

document binding information, comprising:

a beginning sequence location and type of binding element for a first binding element

corresponding; to a first group of one or more documents from among the plurality of

documents entered into a user interface by the user prior to the generation of the image

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data for the first group of one or more documents, wherein the type of binding element is selected along with a presented selection of document scanning options that correspond to a desired binding element, wherein the document scanning options comprise:

a scan stapled document option to correlate a scanned document with a staple as the binding element; and

a scan loose document option to correlate a scanned document with a second type of binding element; and

an ending sequence location for the first binding element entered into the user interface by the user after the generation of the image data for the first group of one or more documents;

a beginning sequence location and type of binding element for a second binding element corresponding to a second group of one or more documents from among the plurality of documents entered into the user interface by the user prior to the generation of the image data for the second group of one or more documents, wherein the type of binding element is selected from the presented selection of a document scanning options;

an ending sequence location for the second binding element entered into the user interface by the user after the generation of the image data for the second group of one or more documents;

document range information; and

document description information;

associating the organizational data with the image data; and
storing the associated organizational data in the long-term memory.

Claims 75-84 remain the same as filed on 7/23/2010.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The system of the above invention is directed towards a system that organizes finishing elements in a document and outputs printed sheets. Specifically, the system allows the user to setup the sequence location of a binding element (i.e. a paper clip or staple) with a group of documents and the user associates this binding element with a selected document scanning option. With the amendment above, the claim limitations include this feature and this limitation overcomes the prior art applied. In searching for prior art, the Examiner could not find any reference that taught associating a document scanning option including a scan loose document option and a scan stapled document option, that automatically associates the binding elements with both of these document scanning options. Therefore, the Examiner believes that these claims are allowable.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHAD DICKERSON whose telephone number is (571)270-1351. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00pm Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Twyler Haskins can be reached on (571) 272-7406. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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